



All You Need To Know About The Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Abita-Niibini Giizis - Midsummer Moon - July 2006 | Issue 25

# 2006 Senior Banquet—June 7, 2006



(left to right) Front—Ashley Shalifoe, Melissa Crebessa, Alisha Swartz, Tahala Paquin, Ashley Denomie, Sonya LaFernier, Ava Picard, Fanchon Picard, Back—Ryan DeCota, Mitch Bolo, Paul Ekdahl, Ty Curtis, Jill Roberts, Cody Blue, Daanis Chosa, Robert Swartz, Missing from photo—Jennie Haataja, Tanya Heck and Ashley Soli.

The Keweenaw Bay Tribal Education Committee held their Annual Senior Banquet on Wednesday evening, June 7, 2006, at the Big Bucks Bingo Hall in Baraga, Michigan. Terri Denomie of the Education Committee welcomed students, their families and guests to an evening celebrating our graduates' success. Vicki Emery of the Education Committee offered the prayer, and a delicious meal was served, catered by Roeper's restaurant. The Guest Speaker, Shirley Brozzo, is the Associate Director of the Multicultural Education and Resource Center at Northern Michigan University. She is a KBIC tribal member who was born and raised in Ironwood, MI, and has lived in the U.P. all her life. In 1987, she earned her Associate's degree from Gogebic Community College and moved to Marquette, where in 1992, she completed a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration. By 1994, she had completed her Master of Arts Degree in English and began her current career at NMU. The following summer, she began teaching for the Center for Native American Studies, where she presently teaches, *The Native American Experience* class as well as a course she created, *Storytelling by Native American Women*. Just this past month, Shirley finished the requirements for a Master of Fine Arts Degree in Creative Writing. Throughout her career, she has published over 30 essays, stories and poems. In addition to working and writing, Shirley stays in close contact with her children Jamie, Brandi and Steven.

Shirley Brozzo offered words of wisdom and hope to the nineteen Keweenaw Bay graduates. She began with a favorite quote from author Danielle Steele. "Never settle for less than your dreams. Somewhere,

Tribal Council Members:

Susan J. LaFernier, President

Warren C. Swartz Jr., Vice-President

Larry J. Denomie III, Secretary

Doreen Blaker, Asst. Secretary

Toni Minton, Treasurer

Gary F. Loonsfoot Sr.

Fred Dakota

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Elizabeth D. Mayo

Shawanung

Elizabeth (Chiz) Matthews

# **Special points of interest:**

- June 3, 2006, Tribal Council Meeting
- KBIC New Hires
- KBIC Participates at Bridgefest
- Congratulations KBIC Graduates
- Zeba's finest softball team
- KBIC Youth on the track
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- Community Calendar

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Guest Speaker Shirley Brozzo, KBIC member, holds a Master's Degree in Fine Arts.

sometime, someday, somehow, you'll find them.' You may not realize it yet, but today, each and every one of you graduates is successful. Simply by completing high school, you have accomplished what many of our Native American sisters and brothers do not do for one reason or another. Each one of you graduates has the chance to make your dreams come true. There are now a multitude of opportunities that are open to you." Ms. Brozzo offered four things to help make sure the graduates meet or exceed their dreams— "Ask questions, find a mentor, accept responsibility for everything you do, and stay balanced.

After I graduated high school, I didn't dream I was going to be a single mother living on welfare, but that was a reality. I did dream of getting married, raising a family and having good food to eat that didn't include commodities. I did dream of writing and getting published. Eventually, I did get married and had three kids. When the baby started Headstart, I started College. I traded babysitting duties with a girlfriend, balanced my homework and the kid's homework, but it was worth it when I walked across that stage at Gogebic Community College with my Associate's Degree. After my marriage failed, I knew I had to do something different, so I moved to attend NMU. I found an on-campus job, met new friends and found a mentor- a marvelous woman who is a professor in the English department and is a friend who I will never forget. With her help, I realized that I did not want to work in the Accounting field that I had studied for four years, but that I wanted to pursue a career in writing. Within two more years, I had a Master's Degree in English writing and a professional position at the University. Six months later, I was teaching an introductory class in Native American Studies. Some of my dreams were being realized. Now I was becoming a mentor to others. Throughout all of this, one very important lesson I learned was to accept responsibility for my actions. Being an adult and accepting adult responsibility is only part of staying in balance in life. I learned that I had to thank the Creator for giving me each new day and for helping me to get where I am today. I give back to my people and others when I teach what I know about my heritage to those who want to learn about our ways. Still I had another dream, and for six years, I was faculty, staff and graduate student as I pursued my Master of Fine Arts Degree, which I completed just last month. I have always dreamed of writing a book and getting it published. I have finished my novel about the survival of our people through four generations of women and have submitted it to the Michigan State University Press where it is being considered for publication in Fall of 2007.

Did I see any of this when I was your age? No. But the world is changing for you young people. It is easier for you to dream and take risks because of the successes of people like Winona LaDuke, Cory Witherhall, Eddie Benton Banai, Louise Erdrich, John Herrington, Ben Nighthorse Campbell, your grandmas and grandpas, your aunties and uncles, older sisters and brothers, and me. Never settle for less than your dreams."

Each of the nineteen graduates received certificates of accomplishments and a gift from the Keweenaw Bay Tribal Education Committee, cards and checks from the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community, presented by President LaFernier, and gifts from the Keweenaw Bay Cultural Committee and the Ojibwa Senior Citizens.

Larry Denomie named Cody Blue the recipient of the 2006 Dawn Louise Denomie Scholarship. The 2006, \$1000 (Baraga) Education Committee Scholarship was awarded to Ty Curtis. A tie occurred for the (L'Anse) 2006



Larry Denomie presents Cody Blue with the Dawn and Robin Roe. Tribal Educations Denomie Scholarship.

Education Committee Scholarship resulting with a \$500 scholarship awarded to Melissa Crebessa and a \$500 scholarship awarded to Jennie Haataja.

Stanley Spruce was available for the family portraits. Congratulations to the 2006 graduates! (See page six for more on the graduates.) Members of the Keweenaw Bay Education Committee—Terri Denomie (President), William Seppanen (Secretary), Larry Denomie, Vicki Emery, Lynn Haataja, Charles Loonsfoot Jr., and Robin Roe. Tribal Education Staff—Amy St. Arnold (Education Director), Peggy

Dunn (L'Anse Tutor) and Helen Jondreau (Baraga Tutor).

# JUNE 3, 2006 — TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING

The regularly scheduled Saturday Tribal Council meeting was held on June 3, 2006. Susan LaFernier presided over the meeting with Warren C. Swartz Jr., Larry J. Denomie III, Doreen Blaker, Toni Minton, Fred Dakota, William E. Emery, Michael LaFernier Sr., Gary F. Loonsfoot Sr., Elizabeth (Chiz) Matthews, Elizabeth D. Mayo and Shawanung present. Invocation— The Lord's Prayer was cited. An Opening Prayer in Ojibwa, provided and lead by Shawanung was cited. Nii da we maa ga nii dug Ni wii go ji toon da- ojibwa mo yaan Gi chi man ni doo gi gii mii ni goo naan da ojibwa mo yaan Mii iw wen ji bi min zha 'a maan ojibwa mo win Niin a na mi 'aa ga ki na Anishnabe aa dash zag as we 'i we Mi gwetch e wen dan Gwa na chi win noon goom Zha we nim akina Abinoojiyans, oshki ininni, oshki ekwe, Anishnabe inini Anishnabe ekwe, Keweenaw Bay indoogiibaa Naa da ma wi shin gi chi man ni doo Wii doo kaa zo ono Zag as we 'I we ozhi mii naa dash gi ken ji ge I naa ko ni gaa de noom goom Gi chi manidoo saa gii yaa giin Mii'iw Mii Gwetch. (My relations, I'm trying to speak my language, Ojibwa. The creator gave us the Ojibwa language for this reason. I am chasing, pursuing the Ojibwa language. I pray for all the people and council. I'm thankful for this beautiful day. Bless all our babies, young men, young women, Indian men, Indian women of Keweenaw Bay comes from. Help me creator, help this council to make good and knowledgeable decisions today. The creator loves you. I'm finished. Thanks.)

Susan LaFernier recognized a number of Thank You documents received from the community. In the President's Report, Susan LaFernier stated that she attended a May 3rd meeting with our Retirement Committee, Derry Cook for Retirement Plan Solutions, and Julie Ricci, Wells Fargo Bank on an overview of our 401K plan. She also attended the employee presentation on the 401K plan. President LaFernier attended the Ojibwa Community College's Honor's Ceremony on May 3, 2006. On May 6, 2006, President LaFernier presented the Council Address for the OCC Class of 2006 Commencement Program. On May 9, 2006, President LaFernier met with two Head Start program federal reviewers at the Head Start building and also was able to visit with Head Start staff. On that same evening, she welcomed students and presenters attending a class for Indian Entrepreneurs. This class is provided through our Anishinaabe Anokii

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First People's Work Center. On May 12, 2006, President LaFernier attended the ITC Head Start and Early Head Start Policy Council meeting, where the federal income regulations, policy and service plan updates were reviewed. There will be revised policies, and changes will be implemented for the new year. On May 13, 2006, President LaFernier presented the welcome and opening prayer at the Head Start Graduation for nineteen beautiful children. On May 16, 2006, Mike and Susan LaFernier visited the Pinery Cemetery and received an estimate for the brush cleanup on the sides of the road. Chi miigwetch to the Natural Resources Committee for approving the payment for cleanup, so the cemetery could be ready for Memorial Day. Also thank you to the youth who volunteered in the cemetery cleanups and to all other individuals who assisted in making the Pinery and Assinins Cemeteries nice for Memorial Day. Chi miigwetch to the Baraga American Legion Post 444, our Veteran group, and Rev. Henry for the beautiful Memorial Day Services. On May 22, 2006, President LaFernier met with Ruth Bussey (Health Director), Cherie Dakota (Associate Director), and Attorney John Baker on the Health Department's Compact of Self-Governance between KBIC and Indian Health Service Programs. This compact needs to be renewed for October 1, 2006. On May 23, 2006, President LaFernier met with the Budget group to work on the '07 Budget timeline. On May 24, 2006, Ruth Bussey and President LaFernier traveled to a Bemidji Area IHS Tribal Advisory Board meeting in Prior Lake, Minnesota. They received the '07 Budget, Clinical and National Indian Health Board updates along with Dr. Kathleen Annette's Director Report. On May 25, 2006, they attended the Title I and V IHS Pre-Negotiation Meeting for FY07 Negotiations which Attorney John Baker also attended. On May 30, 2006, President LaFernier and Attorney Baker attended the annual Tribal/ State Summit in Hannahville, Michigan. The meeting was attended by the twelve Recognized Tribes in Michigan and Governor Granholm. The Intergovernmental Accord between the Tribal Leaders of the Federally Recognized Indian Tribes in Michigan and the Governor of Michigan to Expand Joint Economic Development Activities has been signed by nine of the tribes so far, KBIC is currently not one of these signers. President LaFernier gave a statement of our concerns and opposition on mining at this meeting. Chi miigwetch to Matt Shalifoe and Virgil Loonsfoot for presenting our colors and staffs during the opening ceremony, also to Amy St. Arnold for attending the pre-meeting on the tuition waiver concerns, and to Stanley Spruce for taking pictures of the event.

President LaFernier added that at this time that there has not been a decision on the Property Tax Case Appeal which was heard on April 26, 2006, at the 6th Circuit Court in Cincinnati, Ohio. Plans are still moving forward for a meeting in June with our KBIC Service providers to plan for various events/training for our Community, where we hope to begin the work for the Drug Task Force. The Tribal President's office have received letters from interested individuals wishing to be involved with this Task Force. They will be receiving correspondence from President LaFernier shortly regarding a meeting schedule. President LaFernier reminded everyone that the July meeting will be held on July 8, 2006.

Larry Denomie indicated that he did not have a Secretary report this month and would present one next month, regarding the May and June meetings.

Council heard a presentation from the Keweenaw Land Trust by Pat Toczydlowski, who asked for a pledge of support towards the \$181,700 needed to fund the project in 2007. Council tabled any decisions until their meeting June 8, 2006.

Pete Morin requested a donation for the Hometown Hero's Firework Show. Motion by Elizabeth Mayo to approve \$7000 (same amount as past few years that KBIC donated) for the Hometown Hero's Firework Show, supported by Michael LaFernier Sr., Swartz opposed, and motion carried.

Pete Morin sought a motocross sponsorship for his son, Dylan Morin. Motion by Doreen Blaker to approve a \$500 sponsorship for Dylan Morin,

supported by Michael LaFernier Sr., Swartz and Loonsfoot opposed, and motion carried.

Betty Chavis requested a donation for the Parade of Nations 2006. Motion by Elizabeth Mayo to approve \$2000 for the Parade of Nations 2006, supported by Toni Minton, Swartz opposed, and motion carried.

Attorney Baker presented to Council a renewal for a business license for Fireworks on behalf of KBIC members Jerry Magnant and Kerry Varline. Motion by Michael LaFernier Sr. to approve the renewal of the business license for fireworks for Magnant and Varline, supported by Shawanung, Matthews opposed, and motion carried.

Attorney Baker presented to Council a renewal for a business license for Superior Pizza Food Service on behalf of KBIC members Jerry Magnant and Kerry Varline. Motion by Michael LaFernier Sr., to approve the renewal of the business license for Superior Pizza Food Service, supported by Shawanung, and motion carried.

President LaFernier presented a request from the KB Tribal Police Department for a Taser purchase and presented the Use of Force Policy. Motion by Larry Denomie to approve \$2905 for the purchase of two tasers for the KB Tribal Police Department and to table the Use of Force Policy until it can be revised at a later meeting, supported by Toni Minton, and carried.

Doreen Blaker presented a request for the Indigenous Basketball Trip. Eight KBIC teenagers will be playing for TEAM MICHIGAN in the Indigenous Basketball Games June 29th-July 11th, 2006, in Denver Colorado. Three chaperones will be traveling with the eight youth. Of the \$8386 needed to fund the event, they have \$4200 available in youth funds and are respectfully requesting the remaining \$4186. Motion by Elizabeth Mayo to approve \$4186 for the group to travel to the Indigenous Games, supported by William E. Emery, Swartz opposed, Minton abstained, and motion carried.

Doreen Blaker presented a request for modification to government and youth policies 3.6 Security Background Checks. *Juvenile records will not be considered, with the exception of a conviction of the juvenile involving felonies. If an applicant's juvenile record appears in a security background check, the Personnel Director shall black it out with the exception of any felony convictions.* Motion by William E. Emery to amend 3.6 of the government and youth polices to include the paragraph, supported by Gary Loonsfoot Sr. and carried.

John Bussey, Gaming Commissioner, presented a raffle license request for the KBIC Youth Club. Motion by Larry Denomie to approve the KBIC Youth Club raffle license, supported by Elizabeth Matthews and motion carried.

President LaFernier presented a request for a Campaign donation for Congressman Bart Stupak. Motion by Michael LaFernier Sr. to approve the same amount as last year as a Stupak campaign donation, supported by Fred Dakota and motion carried.

A request by the March of Dimes to sponsor the 2nd Annual Testimonial Dinner. Motion by Michael LaFernier Sr. to approve the same amount as last year, supported by Fred Dakota and motion carried.

A request for use of property by the Sports Car Club of America was presented. Motion by Doreen Blaker to allow use of the property (Marquette Airport Property) for the Sports Car Club of America event with a license agreement to be drawn up by the legal department, supported by Warren C. Swartz Jr. and motion carried.

A request by Mary Deline was reviewed in regards to building a fencedin play yard at the Even Start Center. Motion by Toni Minton to approve the Even Start Playground request, supported by Elizabeth Matthews, and motion carried.

A request for motocross sponsorship by two non-tribal/non-descendants was requested. Motion to deny sponsorship assistance by Warren C. Swartz Jr., supported by Toni Minton, opposed by Shawanung,

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and motion carried. The two individuals will be referred to the enterprise department.

Resolutions KB1466-2006/Tribal Transportation Improvement Plan, KB1467-2006/Cancellation of William Haataja Residential Lease, KB1468-2006/Rodney Loonsfoot Residential Lease, KB1469-2006/Steven J. Loonsfoot Residential Lease, KB1477-2006 SAFETEA-LU Bridge Design Application, KB1478-2006/Mili Acquisition, KB1480-2006/Greg Loonsfoot Recreational Lease were approved by Council. Resolution KB1479-2006/ Heinonen Acquisition was tabled.

Department Head reports for April 2006 were approved. The Treasurer's report was presented during closed session with only KBIC members present. Closed session continued with Attorney John Baker and President LaFernier on the agenda.



# Summer Safety Picnic

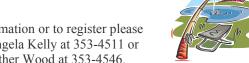
Wednesday, July 12th 12:00 noon - 1:00 p.m. Ojibwa Camp Ground Pavilion



Presentation by Dr. Teresa Frankovich, MD

- Childcare will be provided for those who need it during the presentation
- Raffles for Summer Safety Items
- Lunch is Provided

For more information or to register please contact Angela Kelly at 353-4511 or Heather Wood at 353-4546.



Sponsored by: Women's Health Circle, Healthy Start, KBIC-CIC Committee

# steps In The Forest



**Local Hiking Program** A Series of Hikes Starting June 21st - 6:00 p.m. We will hike Baraga High School Trail Location: Pelkie, Michigan

(We Will Meet At The KBIC Health Dept. Parking Lot)

All Activities Will Take Place At 6:00 p.m. In Case Of Rain, Events Will Be Cancelled If unsure, call 524-5857

2nd Hike - June 28th / Pinery Ski Trail-Cemetary Rd, L'Anse 3rd Hike – July 5th Canyon Falls L'Anse, Michigan

Wear supportive shoes, hat, & bring a light jacket. Children under the age of 16, Must be accompanied by an adult!

\*\*\*\* Please contact Deb Arens at 353-4559 or Kathleen Mayo at 353-4519 to register

This Health Promotion Activity is Sponsored by: KBIC Diabetes Program, STEPS, and the Women's Health Circle Grant

# **NEW HIRES at KBIC**

# **KBIC Conservation Officer - Anthony Loonsfoot**

Meet Anthony Loonsfoot, who has been hired as the new Tribal Conservation Officer. Anthony is 20-years-old and states that "ever since I was in elementary school, I wanted to work in law enforcement." He is currently a student at Northern Michigan University pursuing a Bachelors degree in Criminal Justice. "In my spare time in the summer, I play in the Baraga County's Men's softball league and the Summer volleyball league in L'Anse. When Winter comes around, I usually hibernate, but I recently



picked up snowboarding to help me enjoy the cold snow. I also like to participate in basketball tournaments whenever possible. Most of all I like hanging out with my friends at the beach, the warm weather and cooking out on the grill whenever I can. "

# Assistant Tribal Attorney—Joe Mrstik



Meet Joe Mrstik. "Greetings! I am the new Assistant Tribal Attorney. My hometown is Iowa City, Iowa. I have also lived in Moscow, Idaho; Ketchikan, Alaska; and, Tulsa, Oklahoma. I earned my undergraduate degree from the University of Iowa, a master's degree and a law degree from the University of Idaho, and an advanced law degree from the University of

Tulsa. As a lawyer, I have worked for the Alaska Public Defender Agency and the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Legal Program. I am pleased to be in the Upper Peninsula, and I look forward to serving the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community."

# IT Technician—Mike Kimball



Hi, my name is Mike Kimble. I graduated from Northern Michigan University with a Bachelor's Degree in Business Computer Information Systems. I've been married for five years to my wife Pamela, and we have a two year old daughter Alexandra. I enjoy participating in many outdoor activities, as well as, spending time with my family.

I'm excited to be able to provide computer support for the community and look forward to meeting many of you soon.

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# **SUMMER YOUTH SUPERVISORS**



Meet KBIC'S Summer Youth Supervisors, who have been busy at work helping Jodene Rasanen, Summer Youth Coordinator, organize the Summer Youth Program. (Left to Right) Shelia Ekdahl, Cheryne LaPointe, and Nancy Voakes.

Sheila Ekdahl is a 21-year-old KBIC Tribal member. Sheila has a four month-old daughter, Dhanya, and a two-year-old son, Dysean. Sheila is the daughter of Doreen Blaker and Everett Ekdahl Sr. She has attended College for two years, majoring in marketing. She is currently deciding whether to return to College to finish her schooling this fall or winter—but will be attending NMU again. Shelia is, "looking forward to a great work experience with the youth."

<u>Cheryne LaPointe</u> is a 20-year-old KBIC Tribal member. She has a eightmonth-old son, Easton. Cheryne is the daughter of Carole LaPointe. She will be attending NMU, majoring in Management of Health and Fitness. "I am looking forward to the summer and working with the youth."

<u>Nancy Voakes</u> is a 21-year-old KBIC Tribal member who lives in Zeba with her boyfriend, Brian. Nancy is the daughter of Valerie and Beaver Voakes. Nancy will be entering her fourth year at NMU next semester, majoring in Social Work. She also is a third year Beartown Firefighter. "I love working with the youth and am looking forward to working with summer youth.

# Recording Secretary—Peggy Minton



Hello, my name is Peggy Minton. I am the daughter of Beverly Lussier and granddaughter of Evelyn Holappa. I am a Zeba native, although I graduated high school while living in Red Lake, Minnesota. Afterwards, I went to school in Duluth (UMD) for three years and also attended LSSU in the Soo. Currently, I am taking Ojibwe Language Immersion classes at BMCC in Bay Mills.

I have been working for the Keweenaw Bay Tribe for several years, starting back in 1990 as a blackjack dealer in our Casino. Recently, you have probably seen me at the Health Department, where I have been working as the RPMS Data Entry Clerk and Receptionist for the last two and a half years. I will now be taking the position of Recording Secretary up at the Tribal Center.

I have two children, a daughter, Cody C. Blue. and a son, Dante X. Loonsfoot. Cody just graduated from L'Anse High School, and Dante attends our Tribal Early Head Start Program.

I am looking forward to my new job, which will mainly consist of keeping records of the Tribal Council Minutes. If I can be of service to you, please feel free to come and see me. Miigwetch. The Enrollment Department would like to remind everyone of the current Enrollment Procedure that has been approved by the Enrollment Board. The department encourages all those who believe they may be eligible to stop in or call for an application.

# ENROLLMENT PROCEDURE

An application and a family tree chart must be completed along with a copy of a certified birth certificate\*. A \$5.00 filing fee is also required. If the applicant is claiming Indian Blood from an established Tribe, a Certification of Degree of Indian Blood (CDIB) from that Tribe, as well as a letter stating that the applicant is not an enrolled member there is required by the applicant.

Once the Enrollment Department receives the application it will be stamped with the date received. The application will be inspected to insure that all required information has been submitted. The applicant's parents' and grandparents' files will also be reviewed to determine whether or not they are complete.

When an applicant's father is not named on their birth certificate, paternity must be established by a Court of competent jurisdiction and an Order must accompany their application if that father's Indian blood is to be included in the determination of the applicant's blood degree.

If the applicant has been adopted, identifying information is necessary to determine their eligibility. This may include their original birth certificates and Court Orders of Adoption. The Enrollment Department with the consent of the applicant will petition the Court where the adoption took place in to obtain these records. However; this information must remain confidential and will not be disclosed to the applicant.

If the application is missing any documents, the applicant will be sent a letter stating exactly what is needed.

Once the application is complete, the Enrollment Department will evaluate and make a recommendation within 120 days based on the eligibility requirements (see the Constitution and By-Laws of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community, Article II – Membership) to the Enrollment Board. The Board will then review and make a determination within 30 days.

IMPORTANT: The burden of proof is entirely on an applicant to establish his or her eligibility for enrollment.

\*In the unusual event that a certified birth certificate is not available, the applicant may provide the Department with one form of primary documentation and one form of secondary documentation or three additional forms of secondary documentation. Primary documentation may include baptismal certificates, Court Orders of Paternity and Court Orders of Adoption. Secondary documentation may include school records, probate records, marriage certificates and death certificates.

If there are any questions, please call (906) 353-6623, ext. 4111 or 4113.

# NOKOMIS LEARNING CENTER

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Nokomis Learning Center, a Native American Educational Center in Okemos, Michigan (<a href="www.nokomis.org">www.nokomis.org</a>) seeks full-time Executive Director. Salary + benefits, commensurate with experience.

Qualifications: College degree in relevant discipline, advanced degree preferred. Experience with exhibits, education, programming, non-profit administration and fundraising, retail management, public relations; supervision of interpretive staff; basic bookkeeping and office skills. Must have demonstrated competency in the use of technology such as email, internet and website maintenance. A valid Michigan driver's license is required and familiarity with Anishinaabe language and culture is preferred. This position will report to the Nokomis Board of Directors.

Applications: Due July 7, 2006, position to begin August 1, 2006. Send letter of application and contact information for three references to Dr. JoLee Blackbear, President, Nokomis Board of Directors, 332 Eppley Center, the Eli Broad College of Business, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI 48824-1121, or electronically to <a href="mailto:blackbear@bus.msu.edu">blackbear@bus.msu.edu</a>. Nokomis is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Institution. Persons with disabilities have the right to request and receive reasonable accommodation.

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# CONGRATULATIONS — KEWEENAW BAY HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES



C O D YBLUE - is the daughter Peggy Minton and Brad Blue. During her school cashe reer, participated middle school band, Youth in Government, High Five mentoring and was

a teacher's aid. She has been on the Honor Roll many times and has received awards in psychology and science. Her community involvement included KBIC Youth Club, KBIC Basketball, both playing and coaching. In 2004, she represented the community as Miss Keweenaw Bay. She has been an active participant in many cultural activities and is a jingle dress dancer. Her hobbies include dancing, traveling, sports, drawing and writing. Cody will be attending Northern Michigan University this fall, and her major is undecided at this time. She will choose a career that will enable her to return to this area and benefit the KBIC in any way she can.



MELISSA **CREBESSA** is the daughter of Jerry and Sandy Crebessa.

She has had perfect attendance for the 9th 10<sup>th</sup> and grades, has been consistently on the Honor Roll, was placed

in the "Who's Who Among American High School Students" publication, spent two years as a mentor in the Big Brothers/Big Sisters program, and was a teacher's aid for two years. She played volleyball throughout high school and was the 2004-05 West Pac All-Conference Honorable Mention. She is currently working as a cashier at Pat's Foods. She will be attending Northern Michigan University this fall and plans to pursue a career as a pediatric nurse or a surgeon.





DAANIS CHOSA - is the daughter of Donald and Karlene Chosa. She was involved in many activities in high school including Youth Government, basketball, volleyball,

track, Big Brothers/Big Sisters mentor, and was elected the student representative for the Title 7 parent committee. Daanis has worked for the KBIC Summer Youth Program for three years. She played basketball and softball for the KBIC Youth club and was a coach for the younger children. She was also the 2003 KBIC Princess. She plans on attending Northern Michigan University for one or two years and then transferring to Central Michigan University. She will major in Psychology or Pre-law. She would like to work for the KBIC as a Tribal Advocate or Tribal Judge when she graduates from college.



JENNIE HAATAJA is the daughter of Randy and Lynn Haataja. Her school activities include Student-Improvement Team, Youth Government, Track, Varsity and Basket-JV ball, Band and Pep

Band, Big Brothers/Big Sisters mentor, Figure Skating, Skating Instructor, Prom Committee, Student Council and Spirit and Prom Court. Jennie has achieved Perfect Attendance numerous times and has consistently been on the Honor She has received a Spanish award, a National Honor Roll award, and Most-Improved Student in Chemistry and Algebra. She is currently working at the Nite Owl Café and has worked for the KBIC Summer Youth Program for two years. Jennie will be attending Michigan State University in the fall majoring in a medical field.



AVA PICARD - is the daughter of Lori Picard and Allen De-Cota. Her school activities included being teacher's aide, a class officer during her 9<sup>th</sup> 10<sup>th</sup> and grades, basketball 6-10<sup>th</sup> grades, volleyball and High Five mentoring. She was

also a member of the KBIC Youth Club, the Rez Runners basketball team and softball team. She has worked at the Ojibwa Casino gift shop and for the tribe's Summer Youth Program. She plans on attending Ojibwa Community College this fall.





FANCHON PICARD -is the daughter οf Rose Picard and James Cote, Jr. Her school activities included High Five Mentoring Program, Big Brothers/ Big Sisters, Basketball n She Track. has been on

the Honor Roll and achieved perfect attendance. She received a Friends of the Library Art Award and an Aura Art work, working with hair and softball. She has worked several years for the KBIC Summer Youth Program and has taken classes at Ojibwa Community College. Her future plans are to study Cosmetology.



daughter of Mary DeCota and John Roberts. She participated in band for two years, was teacher's aid for two years, and was a mentor in the High Five Mentoring Program. She

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and also worked for the Summer Youth Program where she enjoyed working at middle school cheerleader. She has Show award. Her hobbies include bead- the Day Care Center. She is consider- also been on the Honor Roll many times ing Early Childhood Development as a major and she will be attending Ojibwa Community College this summer.

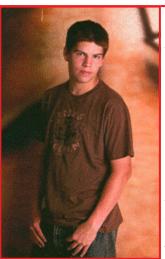




ASHLEY SOLI - is the daughter Michelle St. George and М а Soli. Her school activities included Yearbook, SADD, Club, Youth in Government. Bowling team, FCCLA, teachers Aide.

volunteer for CCISD mentally impaired was a member of the KBIC Youth Club room, volunteer for Pelkie second grade classroom, High-Five mentoring, and and has had perfect attendance. She has worked at Superior Pizza, Crusty's and now at Subway. She will be attending Lake Superior State University this fall majoring in Criminal Justice.

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MITCHELL BOLO—is the son of Dianne Gougeon of Baraga and Dennis Gougeon of Ontonagon. Mitch began playing football in the seventh grade and later spent four years on the Varsity

team, two of which he was the team captain. He also participated in golf for four years and ended each season as one of the top five golfers. He has consistently been on the Honor Roll and received an Academic Letter. His hobbies include weightlifting, playing cards, golf, video games and movies. Currently, Mitch works at Eagle Radio and is a co-host of Indigenous Insights. He is currently learning about Ojibwa language, culture and history from Joe Dowd, and he plans to continue learning about his culture at Northern Michigan University this fall. Mitch wishes to remind everyone to tune in on Sunday nights from 7 -9 p.m. to listen to Indigenous Insights.



TY CURTIS - is the son of Helen Jondreau and Robert Curtis Jr. of Baraga. Ty has played football for five years, four of which were on the Varsity During team. his senior year, he received all conference honorable mention. Ty also

became a mentor for the Planned Parenthood grant and was a high school mentor to elementary students. made his acting debut this year in Romeo and Juliet and Hamlet Too. He was a member of the Drama Club, was the Title 7 student representative on the parent committee, coached flag football, was on the prom committee and is currently a peer mentor with the Strengthening Families Program. This year he received the Principal's Award and the Robert Maradik Student of the Year 9-12 award. Ty's hobbies include hunting, fishing, four wheeling, video games and weightlifting. This fall, Ty will be attending Northern Michigan University, majoring in Business Management.



A U L EKDAHL - is the son of Doreen Blaker and Everett Ekdahl, Sr. Paul has played football since the 7th grade. He played varsity football four years and was the team captain during his senior

vear when he was also all-conference linebacker and linebacker of the year for the Great Western Conference. He was selected to the All-U.P. first team Defense and received Honorable Mention Allstate. He holds the school record for football tackles. He has also been in track for the discus and shot put. Last year, he made it to the state finals. He coordinated the elementary Flag Football Program. Paul was a mentor for the Planned Parenthood grant and he received an academic letter for his senior year. His hobbies are hunting, fishing, weightlifting and watching any kind of football. His plans are to attend Northern Michigan University this fall.



TANYA HECK - is the daughter Robert and Darlene Duschaine of Baraga and the wife of Abram Heck. Tanya participated in the local history smack-

down for two years. She was on the Prom Committee, was a cheerleader and was on the track team. She was the 2006 Senior Class Secretary. She has worked at the Baraga County Federal Credit Union since 2004. Her hobbies include cooking, gardening, shopping, four-wheeling and cross-country skiing. Tanya will be moving downstate with her husband for employment.





ASHLEY SHALIFOE- is the daughter of Matt and Nancy Shalifoe of Baraga. While in high school, Ashley was involved with Youth in Government, Drama Club, KBIC Youth Club, Prom Committee and Senior

Slide Show. She also participated in the local history smackdown, and her team won first place this year. She was also dually enrolled at Ojibwa Community College. Her hobbies include spending time with friends and learning more about computers. She plans on attending Southwestern Indian Polytechnic Institute in Albuquerque, New Mexico, majoring in Computer Science, Network and Business Management.

More graduates on page eight.

# Summer Series





1st base - June 28th 12-1p.m
Ojibwa Resort
2nd base - July 26th 12-1p.m
Lakeside Inn
3rd base - August 24th 12-1p.m
Oiibwa Resort

To Register For These Lunches, Please Call 353-4559, 3 Days Prior To The Date

This Program Is Sponsored by: KBIC Diabetes Program



(7) Niizhwaaswi

# KBIC GRADUATES CONTINUED...

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RYAN DECOTA – is the son of Julie Furaiter. In high school, he played basketball and foot-

ball. He worked for the KBIC Summer Youth Program for three years. He is very interested in art and plans on majoring in Graphic Design at Northern Michigan University.

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ALISHA SWARTZ – is the daughter of Leslie Swartz. In high school, she played basketball

and volleyball. Her interests are reading, spending time with friends and taking care of her favorite cousins. She has worked for the KBIC Summer Youth program for two years and hopes to work again this summer. She plans on attending Northern Michigan University for nursing.



ASHLEY DENOMIE is the daughter of Cheryl Denomie and granddaughter of Ann and Lawrence Denomie and Myrtle Tolonen. was She employed by

the KBIC Summer Youth Program for two years and worked at the Ojibwa Senior Citizens Center. Her future plans are to attend Northern Michigan University to study Nursing. Picture not available

sonya La Fernier – is the daughter of Melvin LaFernier of L'Anse. She is the mother of two

and Donald daughters, Makayla and Kara-Denomie lee. Sonya's interests include photogra-and the phy and writing poetry. She is currently grand-employed at the Four Seasons Modaughter of tel. Sonya would like to continue her education in the field of Nursing.

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TAHALA PAQUIN – is the daughter of Thomas
J. Paquin and Pam
Loonsfoot of

Baraga. While in high school, she was involved in ROTC, Flag Corp. and was on the Honor Roll. Her future plans are to take classes through the Professional Career Institute in Animal Care or to attend Gogebic Community College. She is also seeking employment.

ABINOOJIYENS



Meet Nicholas Edward Owens, born May 4, 2006, to Jami and Randy Owens. Nicholas weighed 8 lbs, 7 oz and was 19 3/4 inches in length at birth.



# KBIC'S YOUNG WOMEN'S TEAM—ZEBA'S FINEST



Zeba's Finest—Left to Right, (Front) Casey Chosa, Elle Vassallo, Autumn Mleko, Rachel Cranford, Tashina Emery, Dalene Chosa (Back) Jade Chaudier, Taylor Drift, Devinne Kent, Brittanee Gauthier, Fanchon Picard, Jackie Jossens, Ronny Jossens, Tiana Drift, Brittany Heikkinen, Carla Connor, Daanis Chosa, Jessica Picard, Caroline Picard. Danika Strong, Cody Blue, Betsy Ekdahl, Coach Doreen Blaker and Ass't Coach Nancy Kauppila are missing from photo. Each year, Doreen Blaker registers a young girls team in the Baraga County Softball League and teaches them the fundamentals of softball. These girls range from ages 13-18 and enjoy learning how to play as a team. Team managers are Jeanne Kauppila and Colleen Emery. Come out and cheer the girls on - they play double headers on Monday evenings throughout the summer. Call Colleen Emery at 353-6623, ext. "0" for the schedule.



(Above) Fielder Danika Strong lines up for the catch.

(Below) Batter Ronny Jossens positions to drive one out into the field.



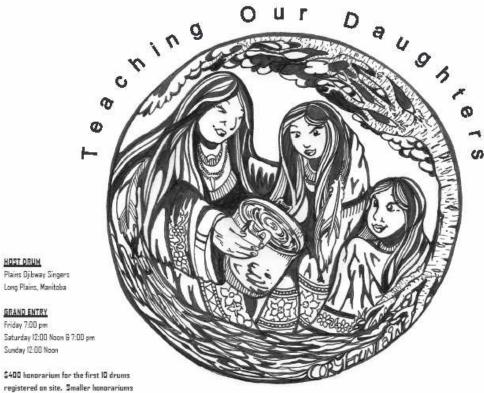
(8) Ishwaaswi

# Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Maawanji'iding

July 21-23, 2006

Ojibwa Campground

Baraga, Michigan



HOME DRUMS

Woodland Singers

Four Thunders FEAST

Saturday 5:00 pm

CEREMONIES AND TEACHINGS

Thursday & Friday, July 20 & 21

LIGHTING OF THE SACRED FIRE

Thursday Morning Day-Break

BLESSING AND FEAST

Thursday 12:00 Noon

TRADITIONAL TEACHINGS

Thursday 9:00 am to Noon

Thursday 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Friday 9:00 am to 1:00 pm

CD-HDST

Buffalo Horse Singers Morton, Minnesota

# HEAD VETERAN DANCER

Donald Chosa, Jr. Keweenaw Bay Djibway

# HEAD DANCERS

Lawrence Williams Lac Vieux Desert Diibway

Punkin Shananaquet Match-E-Be-Nash-She-Wish Potawatomi

& Lac Courte Orielles Ojibway

# HEAD YOUTH DANCERS

Hope Minton

Keweenaw Bay Djibway

Ted Holappa Keweenaw Bay Djibway

Eddie Benton-Banai Lac Courte Orielles Ojibway

# ARENA DIRECTOR

Stan Spruce Keweenaw Bay Djibway

HOST DRUM

Plains Djibway Singers

Long Plains, Manitoba

GRAND ENTRY

Friday 7:00 pm

Sunday 12:00 Noon

PRINCESS CORONATION

FRY BREAD CHAMPIONSHIP

YOUTH TWO STEP CHAMPIONSHIP

S HONDRED ELDERS

Saturday II:00 am

VETERAN'S SPECIAL

Saturday evening

(up to age 16)

Saturday 4:00 pm

CHAMPIONSHIP

(age 17 & over)

Saturday II:00 pm

MIDNIGHT TWO STEP

S DRUM CHALLENGE

for other drums. Minimum of 5 persons per drum. No drum hopping.

Age 6 6 Over ...... \$5 daily or weekend

No Other Discounts or Reimbursements

The Pow Wow Committee will no longer be providing

Free camping at the Djibwa Campground with the purchase of a button

Marina or Sand Point Areas

Absolutely NO aloohol, drugs, or violence will be tolerated. Security Provided. Not responsible for thefts or accidents. No raffles except those licensed by the KBIC Tribal Council. Pets are not allowed near the dance arena! North American Traders Only...Tribal documentation will be required! Manufactured or carnival toys will NOT be allowed. Call 905-353-6623 for more information.

# Seeking Princess Candidates The KBIC Pow Wow Committee is soliciting essays from young women who are interested in representing the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community as their Princess for 2006-2007. Eligible young women must be: • An enrolled KBIC member or eligible for KBIC enrollment • 13-18 years old • A good role model (socially and educationally) • A dancer (traditional, jingle or fancy shawl) • Alcohol and drug free The essay must be personally written by the candidate and contain each of the following: • What our culture means to you • Why you would like to represent the tribe as it's Princess • What you do/can do for the tribe (community involvement) • A biography about yourself • Your future plans Essays may be typed or neatly handwritten, must be signed and include your address and telephone number. Essays will be accepted until 4:30 pm on Tuesday, June 20, 2006. Submit to Pauline Spruce at the Tribal Center.

# **ENTREPRENEUR TRAINING CLASS**



On May 9, 10, 11 and May 23, 24, 25, the KBIC's Anishinaabe Anokii, in conjunction with the AIEDF (American Indian Economic Development Fund), sponsored an Entrepreneur Training Class. Ten students participated in the class, which allows the participants to put together their own complete business plan. This business plan puts them on the road to success in starting their own business. The class included three speakers from the area: Lynn Ketola-local small business owner, Ed Janisse-Marketing Director, and Paul Lampinen-Vice President of Superior National Bank. The speakers educated the class on what it takes to start your own business, marketing/ advertising success, and what a banker looks for in a business plan.



# **Community Calendar - JULY 2006**

Fireworks Safety Month

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Events listed on calendar are listed throughout the newsletter FYI.	munity are welco	hroughout the KBIO med to be listed ewsletter@kbic-nsi	on this			I
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# TRASH TALK by Dave Firestone

Have you ever seen the ad on TV with an older Native American gentleman. with a tear in his eye, standing in the middle of a mess of litter on the ground around him? Littering to this gentleman is considered disrespectful to our Mother Earth.

The Earth gives us everything we need to exist. To toss trash on her is total disrespect. I see this happening on our reservation, and this practice needs to be stopped. I think people young and old just need to be periodically reminded.

Two examples of littering on the rez — 1) People who throw their wrappers and

cups from Houghton's KFC, D.Q., Pizza Hut, McDonalds, etc... after they turn off of 41 onto the Mission Road. 2) The beaches after the 4th of July are always littered with debris from fireworks.

Whenever I go walking, I always bring one of those small plastic bags you get at the grocery store for any trash I find along the way. I believe one person picking up litter can undo the disrespect done by a hundred thoughtless litterers.

Let this be a reminder to all who throw their garbage, including cigarette butts, out of the car window instead of waiting until they get home and dispose of it properly.

Let's have a pristine reservation, free of trash, like it was a thousand years ago.

# KBIC YOUTH IS ON THE TRACK.



AMA District 16 motocross circuit 125 C class. Dylan has received assistance with sponsorship from KBIC, Morin Fireworks, Snyder Drug and Auto Value.



#88 Dylan Morin of KBIC, races in the #69 Steven Denomie of KBIC, races in the AMA District 16 #269 Steve Geroux of KBIC, races in the AMA motocross circuit. Denomie races in the 125C class as well as the Sportsman B/C class-and has received three trophies so far this year, placing within the top ten in both divisions. Steven has received sponsorship assistance from KBIC, Snowblind Powersports, Selkey's, Superior Pizza, Gateway, Bay Auto, Kissel's, and Bayshore BP.



District 16 motocross circuit 250 C class. Steve has received assistance with sponsorship from KBIC, Superior Pizza, Selkey's, Baraga Legion, Gateway and Geroux Forest Products. Geroux has taken home two trophies so far this year, placing within the top ten in his division.

(10) Midaaswi

# KBIC PARTICIPATES AT BRIDGEFEST 2006



Four Thunders Drum and KBIC dancers participated in KBIC's float on Friday evening, June 16, 2006, in the Bridgefest Parade. Houghton/ Hancock celebrates the lift-bridge annually in a celebration known as Bridgefest. The extreme heat did not stop our eight dancers who danced the two mile walk through Hancock and Houghton.









# Vocabulary

Niibin it is summer Mino giijigad -

Mino giijigad it's a nice day
Abawaa magad it's warm
Gijate magad -

it's hot out

Mijikwad there is a clear sky

Dakaa magad it's cool

Pangi gimiwan it's raining a bit
Gitchi gimiwan it rains hard
Bangishimo giizis the sun sets

Mooka'am giizis -

the sun rise

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# **Word Search**

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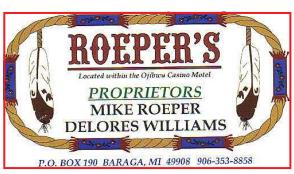
U.P. 2-1-1 can put you in touch with thousands of services throughout the Upper Peninsula. The phone call is free and available to all U.P. residents. U.P. 2-1-1 is available 24 hrs/day, 7 days/week, 365 days/year.

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(11) Ashi bezhig



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# Notice to all Native American Artists and Craftsmen

Anishinaabe Anokii-First People's Work Center

We would like to hold a Native American Arts and Crafts Fair in the parking lot of our center on Thursdays, beginning June 29th.

It is a great location for tourists and locals to stop and see your products.

If interested, please contact Tim Shanahan or Tina Durant at 524-2222 for more information.



8:00 am-4:30 pm

117 US 41 South L'Anse, MI 49946 Tel: (906) 524-2222 Fax: (906) 524-2266

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To place an ad, contact Lauri Denomie at newsletter@kbic-nsn.gov.

# Keweenaw Bay Indian Community/ Employment Opportunities

Police Officer—July 7, 2006 Youth Facility Coordinator—July 7, 2006 Powwow Workers—July 7, 2006 Grant Specialist—July 14, 2006

On Call positions: LPN - RN - Unit Manager - Account Executive/Sales

Child Care Provider - Cashier - Receptionist/Clerical Worker

For a current job listings, complete job announcements, application and closing dates contact:

KBIC Personnel Department 107 Beartown Road, Baraga, MI 49908 906-353-6623, ext 4176 or 4140

Or visit http://www.kbic-nsn.gov/html/personnel.htm

# Anishinaabe Anokii

First People's Work Center



A small business development and support center sponsored in part by a grant from the ANA that is focused on Native Americanowned businesses and entrepreneurs. Anokii

staff assist Native Americans and non-Tribal members in becoming successful and profitable business owners.

Anishinaabe Anokii services include:

- Tribal Business Owner Directory
- Business Development Resources
- Fax, Copier, Computer & Internet Services. Meeting Room
- Business Support &
- Developmental Education Classes
   Confidential Credit Counseling &
- Financial Literacy Classes
- "Indianpreneur" Business
  Development Program

# 8:00 am-4:30 pm

Tel: (906) 524-2222 Fax: (906) 524-2226

Timothy W. Shanahan, Business Counselor Tina Durant, Services Coordinator

# 1ST STEP COUNSELING SERVICE

If you are interested in starting or buying a



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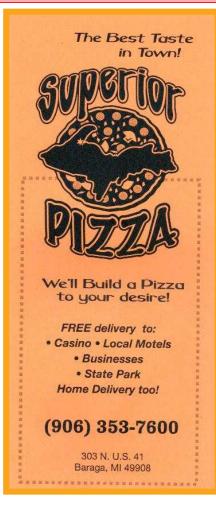


Call Donna Sackett @ (906) 353-4115 at the Office of Planning & De-



velopment.

She will set you up with an appointment with a certified business counselor in the Baraga County area. Sessions are free and confidential.



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